

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at lines 1-10 on page 48 with the following paragraph:

In the synthesis, HZN-nonapeptid (H₂N-Abu-Sar-MeLeu-Val-MeLeu-Ala-DAla-MeLeu-MeLeu-(Ac-N-MeValinol ester)), SEQ ID NO: 1, was synthesized from CsA. The reagent abbreviations include the following: DCM, dichloromethane; DMF, dimethylformamide; KHMDS, potassium hexamethyldisilazide; Trisyl-N₃, triisopropylbenzenesulfonylazide; THF, tetrahydrofuran; Fmoc-CL, 9-fluorenylmethylchloroformate; Boc, t-butyloxycarbonyl; TFA, trifluoroacetic acid; PyBrop, bromo-trispyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate; DIEA, diisopropylethylamine; dimedone, 5,5-dimethyl-1,4-cyclohexanedione; PyAop, 7-azabenzotriazo-1-yl-oxy(trispyrrolidino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate.

Please replace the paragraph at lines 13-14 on page 54 with the following paragraph:

Fmoc-CpSar-MeBmt-Abu-Sar-MeLeu-Val-MeLeu-Ala-D-Ala-MeLeu-MeLeu-valinol ester (10), SEQ ID NO: 2

Please replace the paragraph at lines 23-24 on page 54 with the following paragraph:

HNMe-CpSar-MeBmt-Abu-Sar-MeLeu-Val-MeLeu-Ala-D-Ala-MeLeu-MeLeu-OH (11), SEQ ID NO: 3